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SUBJ: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AND POLITICAL PRISONERS

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B) STATE 135799

1. ON JUNE 11, EMBOFF CALLED ON MESSRS. TOUGEU LYFOUNG AND SEOMANIVONG INSIXIENGMAI, RESPECTIVELY DIRECTOR GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF JUDICIARY AFFAIRS AT LAO JUSTICE MINISTRY TO ENQUIRE INFORMALLY ABOUT SUBJECT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. BOTH TONGEU AND SEOMANIVONG EXPRESSED THEIR BELIEF AT THAT TIME THAT THERE WERE NO POLITICAL PRISONERS IN LAOS. THEY AGREED TO DOUBLE-CHECK ON SUBJECT AND REPORT FINDINGS TO EMBOFF.

2. ON JULY 5, EMBOFF MET AGAIN WITH SEOMANIVONG. HE STATED THAT HE HAD CHECKED CONCERNING THE POLITICAL PRISONER QUESTION AND THAT HE COULD ASSURE US THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT IS HOLDING NO SUCH PRISONERS. EMBOFF EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION AND NOTED, IN PASSING, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 32 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT.

3. THIS MISSION HAS NO OTHER INFORMATION INDICATING THAT LAO GOVERNMENT IS HOLDING ANY PRISONERS ON POLITICAL
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